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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2006 totaled 235,000 head, down 6 percent from the September 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 4 percent from the number on hand August 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 55,000 head, up 4,000 from August 2005 placements. Marketings during August totaled 44,000 head, down 6,000 from August 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. The inventory was 10 percent above September 1, 2005 and 10 percent above September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.24 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 435,000, 700-799 pounds were 535,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 8 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and 5 percent above 2004.

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